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Dear Mr. Dulles:

It was a great pleasure and a great treat for me to be at lunch today and I am most grateful and appreciative of your courtesy and kindness in having me with so many old friends and colleagues. I purposely have avoided seeing or being with too many former associates in the Agency because there is no pest worse than an "ex" who comes around and keeps kibitzing over what happens at the present as to what happened in the past.

Since, for that reason I had not seen many of these old friends, I was doubly pleased that I could have lunch with you and with them. I am most indebted to you for such thoughtfulness. Also, I should like to thank you for your kindness in sending me back to the Pentagon in your car.

Again with sincere thanks and all good wishes,
please believe me,

Most cordially,

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